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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN: URGENT DEMARCHE ON UN SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION ON LEBANON

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Classified By: CDA Susan L. Ziadeh for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) The Charge August 12 delivered reftel demarche concerning the UN Security Council resolution on Lebanon to MFA Assistant Under Secretary for Coordination and Follow Up Shaikh Abdul Aziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, emphasizing that Arab support for the resolution was important. Shaikh Abdul Aziz replied that the resolution was much-needed and well-balanced. It represents a good start. He said implementation should come sooner rather than later because everyone wants the suffering to stop immediately. Issues such as secure borders could wait to be implemented; the focus must now be on stopping the conflict. A strong Lebanese government and armed forces would facilitate a durable ceasefire.

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